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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 8 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001) CONCERNING
COUNTER-TERRORISM

3.30 p.m.	2nd (closed) meeting*	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations, following the meeting of the Committee at 5.30 p.m. in room S-226.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	23rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 4

1. Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs

2. General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1); *item 65* (A/56/347); *item 66* (A/56/29) (Supplement); *item 69* (A/56/164); *item 71* (A/56/187); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/182, A/56/165, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1; *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154. A/56/266); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/42); *item 78* (A/56/163); *item 79* (A/56/153):

   Mexico

   Ukraine

   South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement)

   Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

   Guatemala

   Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group)

   Jordan

   Belgium (on behalf of the European Union)

   Myanmar (on behalf of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN))

   Peru

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and A/C.1/56/INF.1]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 4

1. Agenda items 18, 91, 92, 93 and 12 and 94

   General debate on all decolonization items: *item 18* (A/56/23 (Part II), chapters VI, IX-XI, A/56/23 (Part III), chapter XIII (D-F, H)), A/56/1 and Corr.1, A/56/159, S/2001/148,S/2001/398, S/2001/613; *item 91* (A/56/23 (Part II), chapter VIII, A/56/23 (Part III), chapter XIII (A), A/56/67; *item 92* (A/56/23 (Part II), chapter V), A/56/23 (Part III), chapter XIII (B)); *item 93* (A/56/23 (Part II, chapter VII), A/56/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (C)), A/56/65, A/C.4/56/CRP.1); *item 94* (A/56/88)

2. Documents of the Fourth Committee (A/C.4/56/INF/1)

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27] (A/56/140)

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108] (A/56/3, A/56/57-E/2001/5, A/56/73-E/2001/68 and Add.1*, A/56/114-E/2001/93 and Add.1, A/56/169, A/56/180, A/56/288, E/2001/104, A/C.3/56/L.2, A/C.3/56/L.3)

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109] (A/56/152)

   Introductory statement and general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Organization of work

2. Joint Inspection Unit [128] (A/56/34 and Corr.1, A/56/84, A/56/135 and A/56/356)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [121]

   Joint Inspection Unit [128]

   Private management consulting firms (A/54/702 and A/55/979)

   Common services (A/55/856 and Add.1, A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 14, paragraph 124) and A/56/417)

   Management of buildings (A/56/274 and Add.1)

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [121]

   Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission, in particular those who are elected by the General Assembly (A/56/437)

   Introduction and general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	2nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	3rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Organization of work (A/C.6/56/L.1)

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session [161] (A/56/17 and A/56/315)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund
2. Membership of the Investments Committee

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 8 October 2001

AFRICAN GROUP:

EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 95 (c) (Macroeconomic policy questions: science and technology for development)

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(on the general segment of the resumed session of the Economic and Social Council)

1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on the International Conference on Financing for Development)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 27 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly))

6 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

WORKSHOP ON THE STRUCTURE, DRAFTING AND ADOPTION OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

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Panel discussion

In preparation for the work of the Third Committee of the General Assembly, there will be a panel discussion on the *2001 Report on the World Social Situation* on Monday, 8 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The panellists will include Prof. Giovanni Andrea Cornia (Italy); Prof. Maria Amparo Cruz-Saco (Peru); Ms. Odile Frank, Chief, Social Integration Branch, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; and Mr. Sergei Zelenev, Chief, Social Analysis and Policy Unit, Division for Social Policy and Development. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 9 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	5th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 10th and 11th meetings (to consider sub-items 95 (b) and (d)) on Thursday, 11 October 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935)).

Background information on item 105 (Globalization and interdependence) is available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/globalization.pdf). Hard copies can also be picked up at the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC1-1419B).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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The 259th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-1935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 224th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait will be held on Tuesday, 9 October 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations, under the chairmanship of the Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), on Tuesday, 9 October 2001, at 10 a.m. (room to be announced), on the following pending issues under the general segment of the Economic and Social Council:

Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council

Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council [item 1]

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [7 (a)] (E/2001/55, E/2001/43)

Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance [13 (k)] (A/56/127-E/2001/101)

International cooperation on tax matters [13 (m)]

Report of the Committee for Development planning [13 (a)] (E/2001/33).

The Economic and Social Council will hold its resumed substantive session of 2001 on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho) will be held on Tuesday, 9 October 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 8.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the Secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee)* on Tuesday, 9 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the International Conference on Financing for Development)* on Tuesday, 9 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)* on Thursday, 11 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G on "Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures" on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, at 12 noon in Conference Room C. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Colombia, on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on "Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures" (item 74 (h)), organized by the delegation of Germany, will take place on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Risk and Vulnerability: Implementing a Forward-looking Approach for Social Protection", organized by the World Bank, on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. A presentation will be made by Mr. Robert Holzmann, World Bank Protection Director. For further information and registration, please contact the office of the World Bank (tel.: (212) 986-8306).

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Briefing

There will be a briefing for interested delegations on "The United Nations Mine Action Strategy for 2001-2005 and the United Nations Information Management Policy for Mine Action" on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The briefing will be given by Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, acting in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations Inter-agency Coordination Group on Mine Action. Representatives from the main United Nations entities involved in mine action will also be present. Copies of the two documents can be obtained on the Internet (http://mineaction.org/highlights/highlights.cfm) or from the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), FF Building (3rd floor) (304 East 45th Street). For further information, please call (212) 963-1357.

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Informal meeting

There will be a consultation with members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on "Rapid Deployment and Strategic Deployment Stocks" on Thursday and Friday, 11 and 12 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Two letters on this subject, including an information note and materials, were sent to all the members of the Special Committee. For further information, please contact Ms. Michiko Kuroda (room S-3630C; tel.: (212) 963-5440; e-mail: kuroda@un.org).

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Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on preparations for the fortieth session of the Commission (to be held in February 2002) on Thursday, 11 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other interested parties are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU) are jointly organizing a workshop on "The Conference of the Parties (seventh session) and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations", as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. A letter on this subject, including an information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 10 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 9196).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 4 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

20th plenary meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/160 and Corr.1) [166]

Statements were made by the representatives of Nepal, Honduras, Burundi, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Luxembourg, the Lao Peoples's Democratic Republic, Dominica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Myanmar, Mali, Malawi, Armenia, Samoa, Brunei Darussalam, Albania and Afghanistan.

Friday, 5 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4387th meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) (S/2001/926 and Add.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Albania, Belgium and Yugoslavia, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Hans Haekkerup, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.

The Council began its consideration of the item, hearing a briefing by Mr. Haekkerup.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Sates, France, the Russian Federation, Norway, Tunisia, Mauritius, Mali, Colombia, China, Jamaica, the United Kingdom, Ukraine, Bangladesh and Singapore, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Ireland.

The Council then heard statements by the representatives of Yugoslavia, Belgium (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia – and the associated countries of Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, as well as the EFTA countries members of EEA, Iceland and Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement) and Albania.

Mr. Haekkerup responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

4388th meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (S/2001/926 and Add.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2001/27).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

21st plenary meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/160 and Corr.1) [166]

Statements were made by the representatives of Nauru (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Zimbabwe, Cameroon, Haiti, Botswana, Latvia, Eritrea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Bahrain, Sierra Leone, Estonia, Turkmenistan, Benin, Thailand, Barbados, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Guinea-Bissau and Grenada.

22nd plenary meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/160 and Corr.1) [166]

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece, Antigua and Barbuda and Equatorial Guinea.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 12th plenary meeting on 1 October 2001, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3369 (XXX) of 10 October 1975, the observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/265 of 24 August 1994, the observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta made a statement.

The President made a statement.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 9th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(c) Science and technology for development

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Mexico.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 95 (c).

International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues [100]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Director, Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey, Liechtenstein), the Russian Federation, Mexico, Ecuador, the Republic of Korea, Egypt and Peru.

Statements were also made by the observers for the International Organization for Migration and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 100.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Eighth session 33e séance

The Chairman of the Preparatory Commission, H.E. Mr. Philippe Kirsch (Canada), made a statement.

The Coordinator for the Working Group on the Principles Governing a Headquarters Agreement, Mr. Zsolt Hetesy (Hungary); the Coordinator for the Working Group on a First Year Budget, Mr. Rolf Fife (Norway); the Coordinator for the Working Group on Financial Regulations and Rules (Mr. Rolf Fife on behalf of Mr. Georg Witschel (Germany)); the Coordinator for the Working Group on the Relationship Agreement between the Court and the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Cristián Maquieira (Chile); the Coordinator for the Working Group on the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Court, Mr. Phakiso Mochochoko (Lesotho); the Coordinator for the Working Group on the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, Mr. Saeid Mirzaee-Yengejeh (Islamic Republic of Iran); the Coordinator for the Working Group on the Crime of Aggression; and Ms. Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi (Argentina), reported on the results of the work of their respective Working Groups.

The Preparatory Commission adopted the reports of the Working Groups on Financial Regulations and Rules, on the Relationship Agreement between the Court and the United Nations, on the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Court and on the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties.

The contact point for general issues, Mr. Zsolt Hetesy (Hungary), made a statement.

The Rapporteur of the Commission, Mr. Salah Suheimat (Jordan), introduced the report and the summary proceedings of the Preparatory Commission. The Preparatory Commission then adopted its report as well as the summary of proceedings of its eighth session.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Portugal (on behalf of Austria, Chile, South Africa and Switzerland) and Mali.

The Chairman of the Preparatory Commission made a statement and declared closed the eighth session of the Preparatory Commission.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-eighth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2001

739th and 740th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of the Gambia (CRC/C/3/Add.61).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2001

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4th meeting

Review of the implementation of the Convention and of its institutional arrangements [7]

(e) Review of available information regarding the financing of Convention implementation by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility concerning desertification that relate to its four focal areas, as specified in article 20, paragraph 2 (b) of the Convention

The Committee began its consideration of sub-item 7 (e) and heard an introductory statement by the Executive Secretary of the secretariat for the Convention to Combat Desertification.

Statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland, Benin (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Haiti (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Norway, the United States, Nepal, Canada, Mauritania, Cuba, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Honduras, Malawi, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Zimbabwe, Argentina, Morocco, Tunisia, Costa Rica, Armenia, Mali, Bahamas, Australia, the Dominican Republic, Fiji, Mexico and Uruguay.

The Executive Secretary of the secretariat for the Convention to Combat Desertification made a statement of clarification.

Review of the report of the secretariat on progress made by affected country Parties in the implementation of the Convention [7 (d)]

The Committee began its consideration of sub-item 7 (d) and heard a statement by the representative of the secretariat.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, Malawi and Tunisia.

The Executive Secretary of the secretariat for the Convention to Combat Desertification made a statement of clarification.

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY 5th meeting

Benchmarks and indicators [5]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the representative of the secretariat.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by representatives of Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, France, Namibia, Morocco, Senegal, Turkey, Canada, Germany, Zambia, Mexico, Cape Verde, Argentina, Denmark, Mauritania and Colombia.

A statement was made by the representative of the European Commission.

A statement was also made by the representative of RIOD (a non-governmental organization).

Future work programme of the Committee on Science and Technology [12]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the representative of the secretariat.

The Chairman made a statement

Statements were made by the representatives of Namibia, Israel, Norway, Eritrea, Mexico, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Peru, Canada, Egypt, Germany, the Niger, Senegal, the Philippines, Argentina and France.

A statement was also made by the representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee decided to establish an informal contact group on the future work program of the Committee.

Consideration of the item was postponed until the next meeting.

Work programme of the Group of Experts

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the representative of the secretariat.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Mali, Morocco, Tunisia, Germany and the United States.

Consideration of the item was postponed until the next meeting.

6th meeting

Future work programme of the Committee on Science and Technology [12]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the representative of the secretariat.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Mozambique, Egypt, Cape Verde, Germany, Morocco, Japan and Uganda.

A statement was also made by the representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

Programme of work of the Group of Experts

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the representative of the secretariat.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Mali, Morocco, Tunisia, Germany and the United States.

Consideration of the item was postponed until the next meeting.

Adoption of recommendations to the Conference of the Parties

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.1.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Niger, Norway, Canada and the United States.

A statement was also made by the representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

A statement was made by the representative of UNEP.

A statement was made by the representative of CILSS.

The Committee adopted the draft decision as amended.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.2.

A statement was made by the Chairman.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Burkina Faso and Namibia.

The Committee adopted the draft decision as amended.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.3.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal and France.

The Committee adopted the draft decision.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.4.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mali and Canada.

A statement was also made by the representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

A statement was made by the representative of CILSS.

The Committee adopted the draft decision.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.5.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Turkey and Canada.

The Committee adopted the draft decision as amended.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.6.

The Committee adopted the draft decision.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.7.

A statement was made by the Chairman.

A statement was made by the representative of Norway.

The Committee adopted the draft decision as amended.

Consideration of the item was postponed until the next meeting.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. London, 17 June 1999

Ratification: Slovakia (2 October 2001)*

Ratification: Luxembourg (4 October 2001)*

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. New York, 9 December 1948

Ratification: Paraguay (3 October 2001)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Paraguay (4 October 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Acceptance: Samoa (4 October 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Acceptance: Samoa (4 October 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Acceptance: Samoa (4 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Acceptance: Samoa (4 October 2001)*

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Cameroon (5 October 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Cameroon (5 October 2001)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Cameroon (5 October 2001)

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Signature: Cameroon (5 October 2001)

International Cocoa Agreement, 2001. Geneva, 2 March 2001

Signature: Cameroon (5 October 2001)

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Signature: Panama (5 October 2001)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
H.E. Mr. Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa

Asian States:
Sri Lanka
H.E. Mr. John de Saram

Eastern European States:
Georgia
H.E. Mr. Peter P. Chkheidze

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Haiti
H.E. Mr. Pierre Lelong

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. Richard Ryan

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